

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen Senators,

First of all, I would like to thank you and congratulate you for having the intelligence and courage to launch a public debate on the dramatic issue of wind farms.

I have the honour of informing you that the highest moral authorities of France, and in particular the members of the Fine Arts Academy, have vigorously and deeply opposed the installation of these windmills in our natural landscapes. They stand against the "Wind Farm Lobby" which is comprised of experts of the wind industry who are attempting to line their pockets by using the ecological excuse of allegedly "clean energy". Whereas in actual fact this is the dirtiest energy imaginable since it renders natural habitats ugly.

The absurd scale of these windmills mars the beauty of our countryside and the majesty of God's creation and does so in an unbearable fashion. The gigantic scale of these machines creates an upheaval in natural panoramas and weakens the magnificent quality of nature.

Since humankind's earliest times, monuments erected have constituted a marriage with nature and served to pay homage to God's creation. This is what we refer to as ART. Technical abilities were used to serve civilization and not the reverse.

Today, the installation of these windmills overshadowing existing panoramic vistas represents an odious domination of nature facilitated by technological expertise.

Would we tolerate these windmills if they were concentrated in "sacrificed" or restricted areas?

Alas, their unbelievable spread and further extension currently occurring in numerous countries serve the interests of a handful of speculators and go against the general interests of our civilization.

Wind farms are one of the ugliest most barbarous acts ever committed by mankind.

They represent the capitulation of culture and humanism to the blind all encompassing power of industry.

Here in France, there are many of us who are following the evolution of the debate that has been launched in your Senate with the closest attention.

We dare to hope, Ladies and Gentlemen Senators, that you will carry in your heart a sincere wish to safeguard the beauty of the natural environment of your wonderful country and that you will

be in a position to give a lesson of wisdom and civilization to the rest of the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen Senators, please be assured of our highest and most respectful esteem.

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